

ANNUAL VENDOR TRAINING

The Massachusetts WIC Nutrition Program will be hosting its annual vendor training for all authorized WIC retail stores in Massachusetts. The training will be held at five different locations throughout the state to encompass all WIC vendors. The annual vendor training is mandated and required by USDA.

The training provides the vendor with an overall review of the requirements about accepting and processing WIC checks, the WIC Vendor Agreement, and the WIC food list. The person attending the training will receive the new WIC vendor stamp and also must be authorized to sign the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 WIC Vendor Agreement on behalf of the store.

Letters have been mailed out to all authorized vendors with the date and time of their scheduled training session. We will be conducting 2 training sessions each day. The morning session will be held from 9:45 -12:00 and the afternoon session is from 1:00 - 3:00. Please plan to attend the training that you have been scheduled for, unless you made other arrangements with the State WIC vendor staff. This is **extremely** important since the information specific to your store location will be provided at your scheduled training session. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the vendor staff at 1-617-624-6100 or the WIC Retail Store Hotline at 1-800-552-9425.

Each authorized vendor is assigned a unique vendor stamp; the first 2-digits of the vendor stamp number represent the Local WIC Program specific to the store. Please keep this in mind when looking at the training dates below:

TRAINING DATES

Date	Session	Vendor Stamp # first 2-digits	Local Program	Location
Tuesday, September 30, 2008	Morning	53	Lowell	SMOC 300 Howard street Framingham, MA 01702
	Afternoon	41	Framingham	
Wednesday, October 1, 2008	Morning	62	Worcester	
	Afternoon (Spanish)			
Thursday, October 2, 2008	Morning	66	South Central	Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr. 1080 Riverdale Street
	Afternoon	64	North Central	
Monday, October 6, 2008	Morning	19	Springfield	
		20	North	
		23	Springfield	

	Afternoon (Spanish)		South Franklin/No. Quabbin	W Springfield, MA 01089
Tuesday, October 7, 2008	Morning	50 52 59	Holyoke/Chicopee Berkshire South Berkshire North	
Wed., October 8, 2008	Morning	58 60 45	Fall River New Bedford Plymouth	Holiday Inn 700 Myles Standish Blvd. Taunton, MA 02780
	Afternoon	67 65	Taunton/Attleboro Brockton	
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008	Morning	12 55 02 03 11	Brighton/Roslindale Lynn Dorchester North Dorchester South South Cove	John Hancock Conference Ctr. 40 Trinity Place Boston, MA 02116
	Afternoon (Spanish)			
Wed., October 15, 2008	Morning	05 07 04 13	South End Chelsea/Revere Blue Hill Corridor Quincy	
	Afternoon (Spanish)			
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008	Morning	70 61 54 34	North Suburban Northern Essex Lawrence Lawrence	
	Afternoon (Spanish)			
Friday, October 17, 2008	Morning	09 10 08 16 21	Jamaica Plain Roxbury East Boston South Boston Camb./Somerville	
Monday, Oct. 20, 2008	Morning	71 47	Cape Cod Outer Cape	Courtyard by Marriot - Hyannis 707 Route 132 Hyannis, MA 02601